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Weſtminſter, November 29.

HIS Majeſty came this Day to the Houſe of Peers, and being in his Royal Robes, ſeated on the Throne with the uſual Solemnity, the Honourable Mr. Bellenden, Gentleman-Uſher of the Black Rod, was ſent with a Meſſage from His Majeſty to the Houſe of Commons, commanding their Attendance in the Houſe of Peers. The Commons being come thither accordingly, His Majeſty was pleaſed to make the following moſt Gracious Speech.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Acquainted you, at the Cloſe of the laſt Seſſion of Parliament, that Preliminary Articles for a general Pacification had been ſigned by my Miniſter, and thoſe of the moſt Chriſtian King, and the States General of the United Provinces; to which the Empreſs Queen of Hungary, the Kings of Spain and Sardinia, and the other Powers engaged in the War, ſoon afterwards acceeded.

I loſt no Time in taking the proper Meaſures with my Allies for effectuating a General Peace, by a Definitive Treaty, in which all Parties were to concur: And notwithſtanding the Difficulties, which muſt attend ſo extenſive a Work, wherein the reſpective Intereſts of ſo many Powers were to be finally adjuſted by common Conſent, I have been able, by the Bleſſing of God, in the Courſe of the Summer, to compleat it; and I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that a Definitive Treaty, previouſly concerted with my Allies, has been ſigned by my Miniſters, and thoſe of France and the States General, to which all the other Powers concerned in the War, have acceeded without Reſerve.

It has been my chief Endeavour, in putting an End to the Calamities of War, to make the moſt effectual Proviſion for ſecuring the Rights and Intereſts of my own Subjects, and to procure the beſt Terms and Conditions for my Allies that the Situation of Affairs would admit. And I take much Satisfaction in being able to tell you, that I have found a general good Diſpoſition in all the Parties engaged in the War, to bring this Negociation to a happy Concluſion. From theſe Circumſtances we may promiſe ourſelves, under God, a long Enjoyment of the Bleſſings of Peace, provided we make the right Uſe and Improvement of it.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

As great a Progreſs has been made towards reducing the publick Expences, as the Nature of the Caſe would allow; and I only deſire you to grant me ſuch Supplies as may be requiſite for the current Service of the Year; for your own Security; and for making good ſuch Engagements as have been already entered into, and laid before you. Times of Tranquility are the proper Seaſons for leſſening the National Debt, and ſtrengthening ourſelves againſt future Events; and, as the neceſſary Means for theſe Purpoſes, I muſt recommend to you the Improvement of the Publick Revenue, and the maintaining our Naval Force in proper Strength and Vigour.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is impoſſible for me to ſpeak to you on this Subject of the happy Re-eſtabliſhment of the Publick Tranquility, without returning you my ſincereſt Thanks for the great and affectionate Support you have given me in carrying on this juſt and neceſſary War; in which not only the common Cauſe of Europe, but our own Independency and eſſential Intereſts were highly concerned. As the extraordinary Burdens, which it brought upon my good Subjects, gave me much Uneaſineſs, ſo I could not but wiſh to ſee as ſpeedy an End put to them as poſſible. Whatever the Events of War may have been, the Bravery of my Troops has diſtinguiſhed itſelf on every Occaſion, to their laſting Honour; and our ſignal Succeſſes at Sea muſt ever be remember'd to the Glory of the Britiſh Fleet, and entitle it to the particular Attention and Support of this Nation. You will further conſider that thoſe brave Men, who have ſerv'd well by Sea, or Land, and cannot now be employ'd, juſtly deſerve to be the Objects of your Favour and Protection.

As my firſt Care has been to take the moſt early Meaſures that my People may, as ſoon as poſſible, reap the Benefits of Peace, ſo I doubt not of your chearful Aſſiſtance in perfecting this good Work. Let me earneſtly recommend to you the Advancement of our Commerce, and cultivating the Arts of Peace, in which you may depend on my hearty Concurrence and Encouragement. It ſhall be my Endeavour to continue theſe Bleſſings by a punctual Execution of the Engagements now taken, and by maintaining the moſt perfect Harmony and good Correſpondence with the Friends and Allies of Great Britain.

The Experience I have had of you, makes me rely on the Zeal, Unanimity and Diſpatch of your Proceedings; and you may be aſſured, that nothing ſhall be wanting, on my Part, to make you a flouriſhing and happy People.

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Admiralty Office, Nov. 29, 1748.

Extract of a Letter from Rear Admiral Knowles, dated on Board the Cornwall, off the Havannah, October 2, 1748.

Since my laſt I met with Captain Holmes of the Lenox, who not being able to get to Windward with the Convoy from Jamaica, bore away to get a Paſſage through the Gulph, and the Day before he joined me had been chaced by Seven Sail of Spaniſh Men of War, who took one of his Convoy; upon which Intelligence I ordered him to join me, and ſtood over immediately for the Cuba Shore, in Hopes of meeting them, and accordingly the next Morning at Break of Day I fell in with them, and about Three o'Clock began the Engagement, and by Five I drove Admiral Reggio out of the Line, and made him put away before the Wind, and the Conquiſtador his Second ſtrike to me, having ſet her on Fire three Times with Cohorn Shells; all the Squadron ſoon followed their Admiral, but unluckily at that very Inſtant, my Main-top-maſt was ſhot by the Board, and my Fore-top-ſail-yard ſhot down, that I could not make Sail after them, upon which I hawl'd down the Signal for the Line, and made a Signal for the whole Squadron to chace, and they continued in Action till near Eleven o'Clock at Night, when the Spaniards ran ſo near the Breakers of the Shore, that our Ships Pilots being unacquainted they could follow them no longer; the Canterbury and Strafford ſtuck cloſe to Admiral Reggio, and juſt as they were obliged to leave him, they ſaw his main and mizen Maſts tumble over his Side.

Upon the Beginning of the Action I ſaw the Spaniards Scheme was to cannonade and not come to a cloſe Engagement which I was reſolved for, and therefore bore down within half Muſquet Shot of the Admiral, having received ſeveral Broadſides from the four Sternmoſt Ships before I return'd one Gun.

The Action was within about four Leagues of the Shore, between the Havannah and the Matancas.

I have not been able to collect yet the Number of Slain and Wounded in the Action, but believe it not to be very great, the Spaniards chief Aim being at our Maſts.

Extract of a Letter from Rear Admiral Knowles, dated on board the Cornwall off the Havannah, October 6, 1748.

This accompanies a Duplicate of my laſt, and have only to add, that two Days after the Action I found Admiral Reggio's Ship at an Anchor in a ſmall Bay near the Place where we engaged, with her Maſts beat away, as Captains Clark and Brodie had informed me; upon which I made directly for her, with a Deſign either to have brought her out by Force or burnt her; but the Spaniards ſaved me the Trouble, by ſetting her on Fire themſelves.

The Spaniſh Squadron conſiſted of the following Ships.

	Guns.	
Africa ——	74	Vice Admiral Reggio,
Invincible —	74	Rear Admiral Spinola,
Royal Family	64	St. Mark Forreſdal, Commodore,
Conquiſtador	64	Don Thomas de San Juſte,
Dragon ——	64	Don Manuel de Paz,
Nueva Spania	64	Don Fernando Barrail,
Galga ——	36	Garrecocha,

Who had beſides their Compliments, the Regiment of Almanza aboard, and all the Men out of the Privateers in the Place, with a Deſign to give me Battle, being informed I had but five Sail with me.

Our Squadron conſiſted of

	Guns.		Men.
Cornwall—	80	Rear Ad. Knowles, Capt. Taylor, —	600
Lenox—	but 56	aboard Capt. Holmes,	400
Tilbury —	60	Capt. Powlett,	400
Canterbury	60	Capt. Clark,	400
Warwick	60	Capt. Innes,	400
Strafford —	60	Capt. Brodie,	400
Oxford —	60	Capt. Toll,	300

Dublin, November 19.

This being the Birth-Day of Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales, the great Guns were fired at His Majeſty's Phœnix Park, and anſwered by Vollies from the Regiments in Garriſon which were drawn out in the Royal Square at the Barracks: At Noon there was a ſplendid Appearance of the Nobility, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, to compliment the Lords Juſtices upon this Occaſion; and at Night there was a Play given by their Excellencies for the Entertainment of the Ladies.

Whitehall, November 12, 1748.

Whereas it hath been repreſented to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, that divers Robberies have been lately committed within the County of Suſſex, particularly one on John Waters, near Buxted Bridge, on the 12th Day of October laſt, by five Perſons armed, who took from him Twenty ſix Pounds; and one other Robbery on the 2d Day of November Inſtant, in the Houſe of Richard Haffenden, by four Men armed with Piſtols and a Blunderbuſs, who took out of the ſaid Houſe Thirty-five Pounds in Money, five Pieces of old Gold, two Silver Spoons marked I. H. *a Silver Watch, a two handled Tumbler, and three plain Gold Rings; and whereas there is good Reaſon to believe that the Perſons who committed the ſaid Robberies are Part of a Gang of Smuglers, who have long infeſted the Coaſt of that County: Their Excellencies, for the better diſcovering the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Robberies, are pleaſed hereby to promiſe his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders (except Thomas Kemp, of Flimwell, who ſome Time ago eſcaped out of Newgate, if it ſhould appear that he was concerned in either of the ſaid Robberies) who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he or they may be convicted of either of the ſaid Robberies: And as a further Encouragement for ſuch Diſcovery, a Reward of Fifty Pounds to ſuch Perſon, or to any other Perſon or Perſons making the ſame as aforeſaid, to be paid on the Conviction of each Offender.*

J. Potter.

Whitehall, Sept. 15, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, that, on the 6th of this Inſtant September, one Hugh Coffy was committed to Newgate, on ſtrong Suſpicion of Filing and Diminiſhing Portugal Gold Pieces: And as there is the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to believe, that the ſaid Coffy, and ſeveral others (who ſince the ſaid Coffy's Commitment have abſconded) have been concerned in Filing the Current Coin of this Kingdom called Guineas, and in diſperſing the ſame: Their Excellencies are pleaſed to promiſe His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon to any of the Perſons concerned with the ſaid Coffy as aforeſaid, upon his or her diſcovering one or more of his or her Accomplices; as likewiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament, to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take any Perſon or Perſons concerned in

Filing and Diminiſhing the ſaid Current Coin of this Kingdom, ſo as he, ſhe or they may be convicted of the ſame.

J. Potter.

Mint Office in the Tower of London, Sept. 30, 1748.

Whereas divers evil-diſpoſed Perſons have, for ſome Time paſt, made a Practice of filing Guineas, and diſperſing the ſame; and for the apprehending of the Offenders therein, their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices have been pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take any Perſon or Perſons concerned in filing and diminiſhing of Guineas, ſo as he, ſhe, or they be thereof convicted: And whereas Samuel Davies, againſt whom an Information has been taken upon Oath, hath, ſince the above Diſcoveries, abſconded from his Habitation, the Sign of the Bull and Butcher in Weſt Smithfield; on ſearching which ſaid Houſe, was found in a Bureau belonging to the ſaid Samuel Davies, Tools and other Inſtruments for filing of Guineas, with a large Quantity of Filings of Gold Coin.

Samuel Davies was born at Wrexham, ſerved his Apprenticeſhip at Liverpool, well known at Thame in Oxfordſhire, and kept a Butcher's Shop for ſome Years in German-ſtreet St. James's. He is a black Man, about five Foot ten Inches high, has a down caſt Look, and had on, at the Time he abſconded, an old white Wig, a Fuſtian Frock with Plate Buttons, a blue and white ſtriped Waiſtcoat, black Breeches, light colour'd Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

And whereas Informations have been taken againſt the following Perſons for being concerned with others in filing and diminiſhing ſuch Guineas as aforeſaid, as alſo the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harriſon, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately abſconded.

Bryan Duff, born in Ireland, a middle ſized Man, full bodied, has a round plump Face, of a ruddy Complexion, and has a briſk Eye; is about thirty Years of Age, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waiſtcoat; he lived Servant to a Gentleman in Clarges-ſtreet Piccadilly, and Charles ſtreet St. James's, and lodged laſt at the Red Lion in King-ſtreet Golden Square.

Mary Dean alias Harriſon, born in Cheſhire, is between forty and fifty Years of Age, lived many Years in Dublin, and well known at Liverpool, is a Dealer in Iriſh Stuffs: She is a middle ſized Woman, has a large Scar in the Left Side of her Neck juſt below her Hair, a Swelling in one of her Knees, and walks lame; well known in Green Harbour-Court near the Golden Hind, Moorfields, and lodged laſt in Sedwick's Rents near Moor-Gate.

Margaret Rutherford alias Mary Foſter, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Rutherford, of Sir John Ligonier's Regiment, is a tall jolly Woman, between thirty and forty Years old, is pitted with the Small Pox, has grey Eyes, and a remarkable Dent at the End of one of her Thumbs; is by Trade a Mantua-maker and Dealer in Iriſh Stuffs, well known about Temple-Bar, and the Villages round London, and lodged laſt in Bow-Lane, Cheapſide.

Whoever apprehends the ſaid Samuel Davies, or either of the other abovementioned Perſons, or any other Perſon concerned in theſe Practices, may apply themſelves to Mr. Fountaine Cook, Sollicitor to his Majeſty's Mint, at his Chambers in Clement's Inn, London.

Office for Claims, Nov. 23, 1748.

In purſuance of an Advertiſment made by the Managers of the Royal Family Privateers, Mr. Henry Caſamayor, Mr. George Walker, and Mr. James Goddard, appeared this Day in Behalf of the Officers and Crews of the ſaid Ships, when the Accounts were laid before them; whereby it appeared, that as yet the Managers were conſiderably in Advance for the Ships Companies. And whereas there have been ſeveral anonymous Advertiſements in the publick Newspapers, ſignifying important Diſcoveries having been made; the Managers do now promiſe a Reward of [illegible] recovered, from his or their giving Information of ſuch or any Diſcoveries, to their Secretary at the ſaid Office, and his or their Names will be concealed if required.

Peter Untzellman, *Secretary.*

East India Houſe, Nov. 23, 1748.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice, That a Quarterly General Court of the ſaid Company will be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet, on Wedneſday the 21ſt of December next, at Eleven in the Forenoon. That the Tranſfer Books of the ſaid Company will be ſhut up on Thurſday the 22d of ſaid December, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thurſday the 19th of January next. That the Dividend Warrants due at Chriſtmas next will be ready to be delivered out on Friday the 3d of February next.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majeſty's Ship Tryton, that were on Board at the taking the Tiger, and the Jean and Joſeph, both French Privateers, That they will be paid their reſpective Shares of the neat Produce of the ſaid Prizes, on the Tryton's Return into Portland Road, or at the Three Crowns in Weymouth, on Monday the 5th Day of December next; and thoſe Shares that are not then demanded, may be receiv'd at the ſame Place the firſt Monday in every Month for three Years to come.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majeſty's Ship Southſea Caſtle, That their reſpective Shares of the Bounty Money for deſtroying the Compte de Toſaque Privateer at the Iſle of Bas, will be paid at the King's Arms on Tower hill on Friday the 23d of December next; and the Recalls will be at Mr Henſhaw's Office on the firſt Tueſday of every Month for three Years after.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen and others, belonging to the late Inſpector Privateer, Richard Veale, Commander, that there will be a Dividend made of the Monys now in Hand ariſing from the Prizes taken by the ſaid Privateer, at the Caſtle Tavern in Lombard ſtreet, on Wedneſday the 21ſt of December next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of his Majeſty's Ship the Inverneſs, Captain John Hinxman, Commander, that were on board of ſaid Ship at the taking of the French Prize Bien Aime, that a Diſtribution of the Produce of the ſaid Ship and Cargo will be made at the Houſe of the ſaid Captain John Hinxman, in Coal Harbour, Goſport, on the 27th Day of December next; and that a Recall of the ſaid Ship will be made the firſt Day of February at the ſaid Place, and at Earl's Coffee-houſe at Plymouth.

THE Creditors of John Cox, late of the Pariſh of Chriſt Church, London, Taylor and Stay-maker, lately diſcharged out of the Priſon of the Borough Compter, Southwark, in the County of Surry, by Virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the 21ſt Year of his preſent Majeſty, entitled, An Act for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, are deſired to meet on Monday the 26th Day of December next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Sun Tavern on Ludgate Hill in the City of London, in order to chuſe an Aſſignee or Aſſignees of the Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid John Cox, purſuant to the ſaid Act.

ALL the Creditors of Thomas Hammon, late of Winfield-Street, in the Pariſh of Chriſt-Church, Spittlefields, in the County of Middleſex, Weaver, late diſcharged out of the King's Bench Priſon (by Virtue of an Act of Parliament made in the 21ſt Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King George the Second, intitled, An Act for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors) are deſired to meet on Tueſday the 6th Day of December next, at Five of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Robert Nuttle, the Old Sugar-Loaf, Queen-ſtreet, Cheapſide, London, in order to chuſe an Aſſignee or Aſſignees of the Eſtate and Effects of the ſaid Thomas Hammon, purſuant to the ſaid Act.

WHereas Hans Femmer, at Dronthem in Norway, has aſſigned over his Effects for the Benefit of his Creditors, they as well as his Debtors are deſired to appear before the Directors of the Council-Chamber at Dronthem aforeſaid, within one Year and a Day after this Advertiſement; the [illegible] prove their [illegible]